

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask the chairman to yield so that I may enter this unanimous consent agreement.

I join in that exchange of compliments to each Senator. I commend the chairman of the committee and the ranking member on the Democratic side, Senator BIDEN. Senator HELMS, you have done a great job. I know you have put a lot of time and energy into this particular bill, and we would not be here without your persistence and without the cooperation of Senator BIDEN.

It is an important bill. When you showed up in my office a week or so ago and said we are ready to go, we need to do this, I was determined we would find a place to do it. I think you have now worked through an agreement that will allow us to get it completed and final passage, hopefully, Monday afternoon. I would like to enter into this unanimous consent request and thank both of you for the outstanding work that you are doing.

I ask unanimous consent that with respect to the State Department authorization bill, all amendments must be filed by 11:45 today, with the exception of the managers' amendment and any second-degree amendments.

I further ask that any votes ordered with respect to amendments be stacked at a time to be determined by the majority leader and the Democratic leader, and the following amendments limited to the following times, to be equally divided in the usual form.

The amendments are as follows: Dodd amendment regarding the inspector general, 30 minutes; Sarbanes amendment No. 689; Wellstone amendment regarding child soldiers, 90 minutes; Wellstone-Harkin, ILO convention amendment, 30 minutes; Wellstone, women and children amendment, 90 minutes; Feingold, war crimes in Rwanda, 30 minutes; Sarbanes amendment with regard to the U.N., 2 hours; Feingold amendment regarding NED, 40 minutes; the Leahy amendment regarding East Timor, 20 minutes; the Helms-Biden managers' amendment; the Feinstein arms trafficking amendment, 30 minutes; and a relevant amendment by the majority leader and the Democratic leader.

Before the Chair rules, let me say again, the managers' packet will include the following: Amendments offered by Senators ABRAHAM, ASHCROFT, KENNEDY, DODD, DURBIN, MOYNIHAN, REID of Nevada, BINGAMAN, THOMAS, BIDEN, LUGAR, GRAMS, another one by LUGAR, and others that have been cleared by the two managers.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. In light of the agreement, there will be no further votes today, and the next votes will occur at 5:30 on Monday.

REDUCTION IN VOLUME STEEL IMPORTS—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 66, H.R. 975,

the steel quota bill, and send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of The Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 66, H.R. 975, The Steel Import Limitation Bill:

Trent Lott, Rick Santorum, Mike DeWine, Jesse Helms, Ted Stevens, Harry Reid, Byron Dorgan, Orrin Hatch, Jay Rockefeller, Robert C. Byrd, Robert Torricelli, Fritz Hollings, Pat Roberts, Arlen Specter, Richard Shelby, and Craig Thomas.

Mr. LOTT. For the information of all Senators, this cloture vote will occur Tuesday, June 22.

Mr. President, before I complete that, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, cloture will occur Tuesday, June 22. I ask unanimous consent that the vote occur at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, and the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I now withdraw the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, in conclusion, I want to make it clear that while I am calling up this steel quota bill and signed the cloture motion, it is because I think this is an important issue and because I made commitments to Senators that we would have a vote on this issue.

I do not think cloture should be invoked. I do not think this bill should pass. I think it would be a very large mistake if we pass it. I want to make that clear.

I am not in any way supporting it. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to think about this vote very carefully. We have already had one steel-related issue passed by the Senate. If we start down the trail of imposing quotas, I think it will not be well received in the financial markets, and it is going in a different direction from what we have been trying to do. I want to make sure the record is clear from the beginning.

With that, I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2000 AND 2001

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I submit for the RECORD a Congressional Budget Office cost estimate for S. 886, the pending legislation. The estimate was not available at the time the committee report was filed.

I ask unanimous consent that this CBO cost estimate be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

S. 886.—Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001—As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on April 27, 1999

Summary: The bill would authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for 2000 and 2001. CBO estimates that appropriation of the authorized amounts would result in additional discretionary spending of \$13.6 billion over the 2000-2004 period. Because the legislation would affect direct spending and revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply; the net impact would generally be less than \$500,000 a year.

Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) excludes from the application of that act any provisions that are necessary for the national security or the ratification or implementation of international treaty obligations. CBO has determined that the provisions in title VI of S. 886 either fall within that exclusion or contain no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates. All other titles of the bill contain no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates and would have no significant effects on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Cost to the Federal Government: The estimated budgetary impact of S. 886 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 150 (international affairs) and 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 2004
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Spending Under Current Law ¹ :					
Budget Authority ²	7,488	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	5,747	1,296	1,177	468	145 74
Proposed Changes:					
Administration of Foreign Affairs:					
Authorization Level	0	4,041	4,041	600	600 600
Estimated Outlays	0	2,701	3,224	844	662 617
International Organizations and Conferences:					
Authorization Level	0	1,506	1,155	0	0 0
Estimated Outlays	0	1,230	1,052	375	2 0
Refugee Assistance and Other Programs:					
Authorization Level	0	665	665	0	0 0
Estimated Outlays	0	459	648	193	7 3
International Broadcasting and Exchange:					
Authorization Level	0	723	723	0	0 0
Estimated Outlays	0	512	680	197	39 12
International Commissions:					
Authorization Level	0	50	50	0	0 0
Estimated Outlays	0	39	46	9	5 2
Subtotal of Proposed Changes:					
Authorization Level ..	0	6,986	6,635	600	600 600